Guerrillas Call Off Brief Cease-Fire Pact

Reuters

AMMAN, Sept. 8—Palestinian guerrillas tonight called off a cease-fire agreement reached earlier today with the Jordanian government, alleging that armored units had shelled guerrilla bases in north Jordan.

A statement by the central committee of the Palestine Liberation Organization said that "even before the ink was dry on the paper on which the agreement was written" the Jordanian troops had killed nearly 30 guerrillas and wounded 40 others by shelling the bases at Irbid, near the Syrian border, and Aghwar in the Jordan Valley.

This would bring casualties in the week of fighting since the reported attempt to kill King Hussein Sept. 1 to about 350.

The statement added that the Jordanian 40th Armored Brigade laid siege to these bases and shelled them heavily, "establishing definite proof of the intentions of the authorities to liquidate the resistance movement."

The central committee said it had decided to invalidate the agreement because the government could not carry it out.

The statement called on the Arab masses and on the guerrillas to remain in a state of extreme alert against "government maneuvers" and spoke of a "war of extermination" against the Palestinians.

Knowledge of the earlier cease-fire agreement had been denied by spokesmen of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, which is holding two hijacked airliners and their passengers hostage.

Spokesmen for the Popular Front and the Marxist-Leninist Popular Democratic Front described a cease-fire as inconsistent with decisions of the Palestine Liberation Organization central committee not to have peace talks with the government until army units are withdrawn from the capital. The committee also wants the army and administration purged of antiguerrilla elements.

The seven-point agreement as signed banned all military activity in the capital and any attacks by either side against the other or on civilian lives and property.

Under the agreement, the second in four days, army units were to be pulled back from the outskirts of Amman and the guerrillas were to have taken their men off the streets of the capital and main access roads.

The agreement also provided for reactivation of a joint follow-up committee of Jordanian ministers and security chiefs and fedayeen leaders formed to supervise implementation of a July cease-fire agreement that followed fighting in June.

It also provided for an end to propaganda campaigns and an end to psychological warfare.

Meanwhile, a spokesman for the U.S. embassy here said the Jordanian government was negotiating for the release of an American sergeant believed kidnaped by Arab guerrillas Saturday. He was identified as S. Sgt. Ervin Graham of Ambrose, Ga.

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Sirhan's Family Leaves for Amman

Mary Sirhan, mother of the convicted assassin of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, boards plane in Los Angeles for flight to Amman to discuss one report that Arab guerrilla hijackers have demanded release of her son, Sirhan. They deny the report.